FIRE ENGINEER

(Promotional Class)

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS

This is specialized firefighting work in driving fire and related equipment to the scene of an emergency and in the operation and care of equipment and apparatus. Work involves responsibility for the safe and efficient operation, care, minor maintenance, and adjustment of fire engines and the operation of pumps, aerial ladders, and other equipment. Work includes responsibility for performing general firefighting duties when not actually engaged in activities related to equipment operation, and for participating in drills, classroom instruction, and the general maintenance of departmental property and equipment. Work is performed with some independence in accordance with defined instructions and procedures. A Fire Captain assigns routine, daily duties and provides guidance and training in day-to-day activities; employees of this class report to and are supervised and evaluated by a Fire Captain.

EXAMPLES OF WORK

Examples listed below are illustrative only. They are not intended to include all duties which may be assigned, neither are they intended to exclude other duties which may be logical assignments to this class.

Serves as primary operator of a fire engine, rescue unit, or aerial truck; drives assigned equipment to and from fires and other emergency calls.

Checks engine daily and inspects pumping equipment, fluid levels, ignition, batteries, brakes, and apparatus and equipment assigned to the unit to see that apparatus is in good working condition; reports defects.

Pumps water to a fire at designated pressure and ensures that suction hose and fire hose are properly located; monitors condition of motors and pumping unit during operation and makes necessary adjustments or changes; operates generators, smoke ejectors, chemical units, and similar equipment.

Performs firefighting duties as required; raises and climbs ladders; uses chemical extinguishers, bars, hooks, lines, and other equipment; ventilates burning buildings; removes persons from danger and renders first aid; places salvage covers and removes debris.

Performs general maintenance equipment work in the upkeep of fire buildings, grounds, and equipment; cleans, waxes, polishes, and otherwise maintains assigned equipment.

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Participates in a continuing program of training and instruction, including attendance at scheduled drills and classes; participates in pre-fire planning inspections; assists in the instruction of firefighters in the operation of equipment and apparatus.

Performs any related duties assigned.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Unless otherwise specified, all requirements listed below must be met by the filing deadline for application for admission to the test.

Must meet all requirements of the Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Law, including being a citizen of the United States.

Must be a regular employee in good standing in the class of Firefighter or Firefighter First Class.

Must possess a valid motor vehicle operator's license issued by the State of Louisiana.

Must have successfully completed the Lafayette Fire Department Driver Training Program, Phases I, II, III and IV.

After offer of either employment or promotion to a position must meet and maintain any medical and physical fitness standards designed to demonstrate good health and the physical ability to perform the essential duties of the position, with or without accommodation, as determined by a qualified medical physician and administered by the Appointing Authority.

Must have successfully completed the Louisiana Firefighter Certification System test for certification as an Apparatus Driver/Operator.

Must have successfully completed the Louisiana Firefighter Certification System test for certification as Firefighter II.

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